

# HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION to honor March as Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month.

Whereas, the United States Senate has declared March to be deep-vein thrombosis awareness month; and

Whereas, deep-vein thrombosis is a condition that occurs when a blood clot forms in one of the large veins, which may result in a fatal pulmonary embolism; and

Whereas, deep-vein thrombosis is a serious but preventable medical condition; and

Whereas, deep-vein thrombosis affects approximately two million Americans each year; and

Whereas, fatal pulmonary embolism causes more deaths each year than breast cancer and AIDS combined; and

Whereas, complications from deep-vein thrombosis take up



to two hundred thousand American lives each year; and

Whereas, fatal pulmonary embolism may be the most common preventable cause of hospital death in the United States; and

Whereas, risk factors for deep-vein thrombosis include cancer and certain heart or respiratory diseases; and

Whereas, pulmonary embolism is the leading cause of maternal death associated with childbirth; and

Whereas, according to a survey conducted by the American Public Health Association, seventy-four percent of Americans are unaware of deep-vein thrombosis; and

Whereas, National Broadcasting Company correspondent David Bloom died of fatal pulmonary embolism while covering the war in Iraq; and

Whereas, Melanie Bloom, widow of David Bloom, and more than fifty members of the Coalition to Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis are working to raise awareness of the silent killer; and

Whereas, the celebration of Deep- Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month will raise public awareness about this life-threatening but preventable disease; therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognizes and celebrates Deep-Vein Thrombosis Awareness Month as declared by the United States Senate.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Coalition to



Prevent Deep-Vein Thrombosis.

